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SUBJECT: BUILDING PRODUCTS EXHIBITION 3/77

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1. ACCORDING TO MINISTRY OF CONSTRUCTION (MOC) DATA
COLLECTED FROM PREFECTUAL GOVERNMENTS, BUILDING PERMITS
FOR PREFABRICATED HOUSING WERE ISSUED AS FOLLOWS:

NEW HOUSING

CONSTRUCTION STARTS	CALENDAR YEAR		
	1973	1974	1975

GRAND TOTAL	1,905,112	1,316,100	1,356,286
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OF WHICH PREFABRICATED:

TOTAL	138,933	145,795	135,635
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(SHARE)	(7.3 PERCENT)	(11.1 PERCENT)	(10.0 PERCENT)
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SINGLE FAMILY	95,659	93,167	82,038
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(DETACHED AND ROW HOUSES)

MULTIFAMILY	43,274	52,628	53,597
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(APT. BLDGS.)

WOODEN STRUCTURES	29,815	26,868	23,254
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SINGLE FAMILY	28,167	26,143	21,795
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MULTIFAMILY	1,648	725	1,459
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STEEL FRAME	75,969	73,475	71,161
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SINGLE FAMILY	58,412	59,490	53,039
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MULTIFAMILY	17,557	13,985	18,122
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REINFORCED CONCRETE	33,149	45,452	41,220
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SINGLE FAMILY	9,080	7,534	7,204
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MULTIFAMILY	24,069	37,918	34,016
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MODULAR HOUSING IS INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE CATEGORIES.

NO PRODUCTION DATA ARE AVAILABLE FOR
 PREFABRICATED ALUMINUM BUILDINGS. HOWEVER, DOMESTIC
 PRODUCTION (OTHER THAN GREENHOUSES) IS
 NEGLIGIBLE. MOBILE HOMES ARE NOT MANUFACTURED JAPAN.

2. THE FOLLOWING SALES STATISTICS BASED ON
 JFY (APR. - MAR.) WERE COLLECTED BY JAPAN PREFABRICATED
 CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIERS AND MANUFACTURES ASSN. IN
 A SURVEY OF ITS MEMBERSHIP TO WHICH 114 OF 140
 FIRMS RESPONDED.

SALES OF PREFABRICATED HOUSING BY STRUCTURE-TYPE
 JFY 1973 - 1975 (1ST HALF)

(UNIT: SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE

PREFABRICATED

HOUSING JFY: 1973 1974 1975 (1ST HALF)

TOTAL 206,732 177,740 72,335

WOODEN STRUCTURE 46,938 33,982 11,014

SINGLE FAMILY 46,477 33,059 10,280

MULTIFAMILY 0 133 356

(INCLUDES ROW HOUSES)

MODULAR 461 790 378

STEEL FRAME: 67,973 75,184 35,503

SINGLE FAMILY 61,516 56,096 27,719

MULTIFAMILY 2,489 11,282 5,199

MODULAR 3,968 7,806 2,585

CONCRETE 91,821 68,574 25,818

SINGLE FAMILY 6,460 4,764 1,687

MULTIFAMILY 85,300 63,810 24,131

MODULAR 61 0 0

BOTH THE ASSN. AND MOC ASCRIBED THE LARGE DISCREPANCIES IN
 THESE TWO SETS OF STATISTICS PRIMARILY TO
 THE GOVERNMENT'S PRACTICE OF CLASSIFYING
 BUILDING PERMITS AS "TRADITIONAL CONSTRUCTION" IN ALL
 CASES WHERE THE APPLICATION DOES NOT SPECIFY OTHERWISE.
 HOWEVER, THE DIFFERENT BASES (SALES VS. CONSTRUCTION
 STARTS) AND PERIODS (CY VS. FY) SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED.

3. NO MEANINGFUL IMPORT STATISTICS ARE AVAILABLE
 FOR PREFABRICATED STRUCTURES BECAUSE THEY ARE GROUPED
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TOGETHER FOR CUSTOMS CLASSIFICATION WITH PREFABRICATED
 PARTS OF STRUCTURES SUCH AS DOOR AND WINDOW FRAMES,
 WINDOW SASHES, AND ASSEMBLED PARQUET FLOOR PANELS.
 STATISTICS Y PARA. 1 ABOVE INCLUDE IMPORTED PRE-
 FABRICATED STRUCTURES. THOSE IN PARA. 2 ABOVE DO NOT.
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